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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: CRITICISM OF SALVADORAN MILITARY LEADERSHIP BY FOURTH
MILITARY ZONE COMMANDER OCHOA

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TEXT: 1. COLONEL SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ,
 COMMANDER OF THE FOURTH MILITARY ZONE, HELD A MEETING WITH FOURTH
 BRIGADE OFFICERS AT HIS HEADQUARTERS IN EL PARAISO. OCHOA HAD
 ALL OF HIS OFFICERS SIGN A DOCUMENT SUPPORTING OCHOA'S
 LEADERSHIP. OCHOA CITED THE RECENT ATTACK AGAINST THE ARMED
 FORCES NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER (CENFA) IN LA UNION AS AN
 EXAMPLE OF THE WEAKENED POSITION IN WHICH THE ARMED FORCES HAVE
 BEEN PLACED. OCHOA ATTRIBUTED THIS WEAKNESS TO NEGOTIATIONS
 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE INSURGENTS OVER THE RELEASE OF
 IMPRISONED GUERRILLAS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER OF
 PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON ((QUARTO)). OCHOA SINGLED OUT MINISTER
 OF DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECURITY GENERAL CARLOS EUGENIO ((VIDES))
 CASANOVA AS THE INDIVIDUAL PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
 MILITARY'S PRESENT SITUATION.

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2. OCHOA TOLD HIS OFFICERS THAT THE FIFTH BRIGADE IS
 SUPPORTING THE FOURTH BRIGADE ON THESE ISSUES.

3. COMMENT: THE MEETING INVOLVED ONLY FOURTH

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BRIGADE OFFICERS AND DID NOT INCLUDE ANY OFFICERS FROM MILITARY
 DETACHMENT ONE (DM1) WHICH IS ALSO PART OF THE FOURTH MILITARY

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ZONE. CMI COMMANDER COLONEL BENJAMIN ((RAMOS)) IS AWARE OF
 OCHOA'S [REDACTED] BRIGADE MEETING AND INTENDS TO INFORM
 PRESIDENT QUARTE OF WHAT TRANSPIRED THERE. [REDACTED]
 THE BRIGADE WAS OPERATING AS NORMAL WITH ONE BATTALION PREPARING
 TO DEPART ON LEAVE THAT SAME DAY.

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